



NAME: CDR CINDY DOUGHERTY

JOB TITLE: DEPUTY CHIEF OF DRUG SERVICES

AGENCY: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL
AND PREVENTION (CDC)

Education/Degrees/Certificates/Institutions:

CDR Dougherty received her Associate of Science in Chemistry from the Northeast State Community College in 1982, a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Berea College in 1987 and a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy in 1992.

Current Job Description:

CDR Dougherty is one of only nine pharmacists working for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the Deputy Chief of Drug Services. Her areas of responsibility are varied and include the following:

- Provides expertise concerning the national and international distribution of medications during emergency situations or during a drug shortage.
- Procures and inventories licensed and investigational pharmaceutical agents.
- Involved in development of Investigational New Drug (IND) protocols for parasitic drug products and immunobiologics otherwise unavailable for patient use in the United States.
- Ensures that Investigational New Drug (IND) applications are compliant with current laws.
- Collects the data for maintaining the Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for IND protocols.
- Serves as the pharmacy consultant to the CDC Employee Health Clinic

In addition, CDR Dougherty has developed an advanced practice experience rotation through the drug service and serves as preceptor and mentor for pharmacy students from multiple schools of pharmacy, including Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Houston, and NOVA Southeastern University. She also maintains adjunct Clinical Faculty appointment at Mercer University, Practitioner-Instructor appointment at University of North Carolina, and Clinical Affiliate

Professor for NOVA Southeastern University.

Qualifying Skills for Current Position:

Most of the professionals at CDC have an advanced degree. However, the skills, training, and education CDR Dougherty acquired with her Pharm.D. degree coupled with the years of clinical experience from working in IHS have more than adequately prepared this officer to successfully perform the many tasks set before her.

CDR Dougherty has been able to successfully perform her job with a Doctorate in Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. In addition to her educational training, the experience this officer has gained from working in different clinical settings also helped prepare CDR Dougherty for her current position.

Reasons for choosing the USPHS as a career:

As a pharmacy student, CDR Dougherty participated in the United States Public Health Service's Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (COSTEP) at two Indian Health Service sites. The COSTEP experience became a great recruiting tool for her. Because pharmacy practice in the IHS is not typically mainstream pharmacy, this officer was exposed to and became aware of the many varied opportunities available in the USPHS.

Previous USPHS Assignments:

CDR Dougherty has spent much of her career working for the Indian Health Service. She was a COSTEP at the PHS Indian Health Center in Warm Springs, OR and at the PHS Indian Hospital in Mescalero, NM. As an APhA pharmacy resident, she spent a year at the community pharmacy at the PHS Indian Health Center in Winslow, AZ. CDR Dougherty has also completed several temporary duty assignments with the IHS, including six weeks at SEARHC Medical Clinic in Juneau, AK, two assignments for the Penobscot Indian Nation in Old Town, MA, and, most recently, temporary duty for the PHS Indian Hospital in Mescalero, NM. Her most extensive tour of duty on the reservation was at the Cherokee Indian Hospital in Cherokee, NC, where she was a staff pharmacist.

Most Rewarding USPHS Professional Experience:

CDR Dougherty found life on the reservation peaceful, quiet, and relaxing and the geography breathtaking. The work she did with the Native Americans was professionally gratifying, as well as challenging. However, working for the CDC has been a entirely different experience, and has required CDR Dougherty to

develop new skills, especially after the events of September 11th. With the anthrax attacks and the uncertainty about the use of other bio-weapons such as smallpox; the need for training, development of vaccines, and stockpiling pharmaceuticals has increased CDC's involvement and heightened its visibility considerably. The job assignment CDR Dougherty currently finds herself involved in is unpredictable yet very challenging.

Special Notes of Interest:

In addition to her work-related responsibilities, CDR Dougherty participates in other professional activities. A listing of some of them follows:

- She shares her experience, wisdom, and knowledge as a more senior pharmacy officer with more junior pharmacy officers as a mentor in the Commissioned Corps Pharmacy Mentoring Network.
- She exposes pharmacy students from various schools of pharmacy to other areas of pharmacy practice through the Advanced Practice Experience Rotation program she developed.
- This officer serves as a “shadow” for Girl Scouts who are interested in the profession of pharmacy.
- CDR Dougherty belongs to several professional associations such as the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, the Drug Information Association, the Georgia Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Commissioned Officer's Association.
- She also serves on an array of committees. Among them are the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID) Commissioned Corps Awards Board; the NCID Safety Committee; and the Scientific Resources Program Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

to her credit, CDR Dougherty was a recipient of the National Center for Infectious Diseases Honor Award Certificate in 2001 and 2002 for her contributions and participation in the Honor Awards Program at CDC.

The clinical expertise this officer developed during her tenure with the Indian Health Service more than prepared her for the challenging tasks she now faces with her involvement with counterbioterrorist initiatives. This profile of CDR Cindy Dougherty serves to highlight the endless career opportunities available to pharmacists in the United States Public Health Service.